

a celebration to deter old-time Halloween pranks. The community planned a night parade that featured children in costume marching along with members of the fire department, Kiwanis Club, Commercial Club and the National Guard.

Anoka first called itself the "Halloween Capital of the World" in 1937, with a proclamation carried to Washington, D.C. by 12 year-old Anoka resident, Harold Blair. Since the first celebration, the festivities have expanded to include card parties, bingo, a 5K Grey Ghost Run and a parade that is the second largest in the state. This year's celebration marks the 81st annual festival and was bigger and better than ever.

I would like to congratulate and thank the city of Anoka, the more than 30 volunteers and all who work to make the Anoka Halloween celebration a yearly success and a family event for everyone to enjoy.

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RON PICKERING: DEDICATED TO  
THE CAUSE OF LABOR

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**HON. BERNARD SANDERS**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 4, 2003*

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the contributions of Ron Pickering, an individual of great importance to the working people of America, and particularly my state of Vermont. For the past ten years he served with distinction as the President of the Vermont AFL-CIO. Ron was a remarkably effective and dedicated leader of Vermont's most important labor council.

He has also served most capably as the international representative for PACE [the Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical and Energy Workers International Union], in which capacity he serviced many contracts in New England.

I have known Ron for many years, both as a personal friend and as colleague in the struggle for workers' rights. It is with a sense of deep respect that I say that Ron Pickering reinvigorated the trade union movement in the state of Vermont and laid the groundwork for some of the most important labor victories in the state's history.

Ron has been one of the best and most influential advocates for working people the state of Vermont has ever seen. His effectiveness in the State House in Montpelier has meant that working men and women have had a voice, and a most eloquent voice, in the deliberations of state government.

Together with his wife Gloria, who has time and again been at his side while he traveled throughout the state of Vermont, Ron Pickering has stood up for the labor movement, for the needs of working Americans, and for the rights of those who put in a hard day's work—every day—to see that America remains productive and strong.

TRIBUTE TO THE JAMES G.  
SHAWGER SCHOOL NO. 4

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 4, 2003*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call your attention to the James G. Shawger School No. 4 in Belleville, New Jersey, which celebrated its centennial on Sunday, November 2, 2003.

Over the past one hundred years, the James G. Shawger School has grown from a quaint four room school house into a modern twenty-five room school with well over 300 students. Built on the tradition of camaraderie, hard work, and dedication to quality education, the Shawger School has become a paradigm of learning, promoting personal integrity, excellence, and service in its students. It is thus only fitting that the James G. Shawger School No. 4 be honored, in this, the permanent RECORD of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

Founded in 1903 in the Silver Lake District of Belleville, the James G. Shawger School was not unlike other turn-of-the-century schools. Brothers, sisters, and cousins attended classes that intermingled all of its students regardless of age and educational background. While at school, students were encouraged to better themselves through strict discipline and a commitment to learning the three R's (Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic). Early teachers and principals who set out with the goal of attaining the "betterment of all concerned," succeeded in creating a spirited school community of which all could be proud.

The emphasis that these "pioneer" teachers placed on fostering the academic, moral and social education of Belleville's young men and women was closely paralleled by the spirit of solidarity that permeated the early community in Belleville as a whole. This spirit was evident in the aftermath of the tragic fire that swept through the four-room school in the early 1900s. In the days following the fire, neighborhood fathers worked side by side with carpenters, volunteering their time to rebuild and renovate the school.

Over the years, parents gradually increased their role in the school community. The 1950's and 1960's saw parents begin to assume an integral role in their children's education with the formation of the Parent-Teacher Association and, later, the Home and School Association. Members of these organizations dedicated themselves to staying abreast of new legislation affecting education, preparing by-laws and coordinating activities for the students and their families. By the 1970's and 1980's, these activities broadened to encompass assembly programs, family events, and scholarship programs. The hard work, dedication, and countless fundraising activities on the part of the students and their parents through these organizations have made the Shawger School a model of excellence among its surrounding communities.

Mr. Speaker, it has often been said that the true goals of education should be to build character and intelligence. The dedicated teachers and principals of the James G. Shawger School who have left an indelible mark on the lives of thousands of Belleville's young men and women are perhaps the great-

est testimony to this. Their commitment to inspiring leadership, education, and service in the children of Belleville has long been a beacon of excellence—one that will shine well into the future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the residents of the Township of Belleville, and me in paying tribute to the James G. Shawger School as it celebrates one hundred years devoted to molding the children of Belleville, New Jersey, into the leaders of tomorrow.

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HONORING ELIZABETH  
SCHROEDER

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 4, 2003*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elizabeth Schroeder, the executive director of the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce. In her seven years as executive director she has helped transform Mesquite into one of the premier resort and gaming communities in the United States. Her dedication to showcasing the community nationally, attracting new services, and creating a welcoming business climate will serve Mesquite well for decades to come. I want to thank Elizabeth Schroeder for everything she has done and wish her well in her future endeavors.

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HONORING CONGRESSMAN BILL  
CRAMER

**HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 4, 2003*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor Congressman Bill Cramer, one of our former colleagues who recently passed away.

William Cramer, or Bill as he was known, lived a life of public service. He served 18 months as a Naval gunnery officer during World War II and was among the brave young men who invaded France and liberated Europe. He returned to the United States following the war, and after graduating from Harvard Law School, served as a city and county attorney in Pinellas County, Florida. He also actively involved himself with local volunteer and charitable organizations.

Bill Cramer was a revolutionary in Florida politics. He was, when he won his seat in 1954, the first Republican from Florida elected to Congress since the Civil War. Congressman Cramer opened the door, so to speak, for Republicans seeking office in the Sunshine State. Before his election, many used to joke that Republicans could not get elected to anything in Florida, let alone a congressional seat. Congressman Cramer changed that and quickly became our party's standard bearer in the state.

Congressman Cramer, in just his fifth term, became the ranking member on the House Public Works Committee. In 1964, he became Vice Chairman of the House Republican Conference, the second ranking House Republican behind Michigan Congressman and future President Gerald Ford. He vacated his

House seat in 1970 for what ultimately was an unsuccessful bid for the U.S. Senate. One of Congressman Cramer's congressional aides, Appropriations Committee Chairman BILL YOUNG, replaced him as the representative of Florida's Tenth Congressional District.

Bill Cramer's public service did not end with his departure from Congress. He practiced law, held various positions with the Republican National Committee, and accepted several jobs in the Nixon and Ford Administrations. He then, as he later said, "decided he wanted to spend more time back home" where he grew up, so he returned to Florida where he continued to use his talent and influence to help Tampa Bay area residents.

Mr. Speaker, next year marks the fiftieth anniversary of Bill Cramer's election to Congress. I hope that, as we approach that milestone, our colleagues on both sides of the aisle will join the Florida delegation in remembering him and his dedicated work in this institution on behalf of his constituents and his country.

#### INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 3428

### HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 4, 2003*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing a bill that would name a portion of the U.S. courthouse located at 2100 Jamieson Avenue, in Alexandria, Virginia, as the "Justin W. Williams United States Attorney's Building." On August 31, 2003, Assistant United States Attorney Justin W. Williams, Chief of the Criminal Division in the Eastern District of Virginia, died tragically at the age of 61 from a heart attack as he jogged along the Potomac River in Old Town, Alexandria, Virginia. Mr. Williams's untimely death marked the end of a career of a truly remarkable public servant who was loved and respected by all of his colleagues and those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Mr. Williams's distinguished career as a federal prosecutor began on May 11, 1970. During the ensuing 33 years he was either directly involved in or supervised every major federal prosecution in the Eastern District of Virginia, including the prosecutions of Aldrich Ames and Robert Hanssen, both of whom were convicted of spying for the Soviet Union. During his career, Mr. Williams was appointed Acting United States Attorney on two occasions, June 1979 to November 1981 and January 1986 to June 1986, during which time he served with distinction. He was also at various times First Assistant United States Attorney, Senior Litigation Counsel, and for most of his illustrious career Chief of the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia. His many accomplishments and awards, far too numerous to list, included the Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Furthering the Interest of the United States National Security (2002), as well as three Director's Awards for Superior Performance as an Assistant United States Attorney.

Mr. Williams was a mentor and role model for all those who served in the U.S. Attorney's Office during his tenure, as well as those in law enforcement who worked with him. His illustrious career was a testimonial to courage,

conviction, fairness, and decency. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne Williams, and their two children, Andrew Grant Williams and Caitlin Grey Williams. He is also survived by his mother, Edith Williams. I urge all of my colleagues to support this fitting tribute to a truly remarkable public servant.

#### CELEBRATING THE COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS OF THE CHINA ASSOCIATION FOR EXPEDITION (CAE) AND THE SINO AMERICAN AVIATION HERITAGE FOUNDATION (SAAHF) IN THE DISCOVERY AND RECOVERY OF A HISTORIC P-40 AIRCRAFT

### HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 4, 2003*

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize and celebrate the collaborative efforts of the China Association for Expedition (CAE) and the Sino American Aviation Heritage Foundation (SAAHF) in the discovery and recovery of a historic P-40 aircraft that will forever bind America to China.

At the end of 1941, the Japanese military occupied much of China. As the world was consumed by the spread of global war, a group of American pilots valiantly fought to free China from the grip of Imperial Japan. This volunteer group of young men was called the American Volunteer Group, or the AVG. The pilots in the AVG were some of the first Americans to experience combat against the Japanese in World War II. Their brave and fearless acts earned this group the respect of friends and foes alike. Their heroic deeds and dedication to the defense of the Chinese people would eventually fly them into the annals of history immortalized forever as the legendary "Flying Tigers".

On April 28, 1942, a Curtiss P-40 Tomahawk fighter plane piloted by John Blackburn of the AVG mysteriously crashed into Lake Dianchi in Yunan, China. The lake bottom would be its resting place where it was nearly forgotten for over 60 years in the cold waters—slowly rusting away. It was not until 1997, when a group of Chinese and American military veterans and aviation enthusiasts teamed together in an unprecedented demonstration of American-Chinese relations, to locate, recover and restore this plane. On November 15, 2003, Americans and Chinese will once again join forces to commemorate the recovery of John Blackburn's P-40 from its murky grave.

This priceless piece of aviation history is thought to be the only surviving P-40 fighter aircraft belonging to the Flying Tigers. This war bird once protected the skies of China from a ruthless and determined enemy, and flew in support of Chinese airmen, soldiers, guerrilla fighters and civilians. Piloted by young Americans ready to sacrifice their lives to protect the people of China at a moment's notice yet steadfast in its mission to conquer a common enemy. This P-40 fighter plane symbolizes not only the great spirit of cooperation and trust, but also the mutual respect that existed between the American and Chinese people during World War II.

Mr. Speaker, I would again like to recognize the efforts between our two countries in the

recovery of this historically valuable aircraft. But even more importantly, this endeavor grants the opportunity for citizens in both our great countries to rekindle this legacy of goodwill, hope, inspiration and trust.

#### 13TH DISTRICT'S CONGRESSIONAL CLASSROOM PROGRAM

### HON. KATHERINE HARRIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 4, 2003*

Ms. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, just three weeks ago, twenty-one exceptional students from Southwest Florida experienced an adventure of a lifetime.

As participants in the 13th District's Congressional Classroom program, these competitively and independently selected young men and women spent a full week in Washington engaging in a unique, up-close study of our federal government.

They learned from a bipartisan array of some of the most eminent and experienced leaders in Washington, including Speaker HASTERT, Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, and C-SPAN founder Brian Lamb. Then, they applied their newfound knowledge in a mock Congress session.

In conducting this mock session, the students were randomly assigned roles as Republicans and Democrats and as Legislators and District Representatives. I wish to congratulate Gary Shumard and Alex Clark, who tied for the award as the "Best Republican," Peter Dobosz, who was recognized as the "Best Democrat," and Kelly Crawford and Cody John, who qualified for the honors of "Best Legislator" and "Best District Representative," respectively.

Mr. Speaker, the enthusiasm and zest for the values of good citizenship that these students displayed were truly inspiring. I thank them for their dedication, while looking forward to the outstanding contributions that they will make to our society.

#### HONORING DR. TIMOTHY P. RYAN

### HON. DAVID VITTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 4, 2003*

Mr. VITTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Timothy P. Ryan, the new Chancellor of the University of New Orleans. On Saturday, November 1, Dr. Ryan accepted the appointment of the Louisiana State University System's Board of Supervisors to serve as the fifth Chancellor of the Lakefront campus.

Dr. Ryan received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of New Orleans in 1971 and a Ph.D. in Economics from the Ohio State University. He has been a member of the UNO faculty since 1976 and served as Dean of the College of Business Administration until accepting his new post as Chancellor. During his brief tenure as Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer at UNO, Dr. Ryan controlled the University's budget and demonstrated positive change.

Dr. Ryan has received overwhelming support from the University community and I look